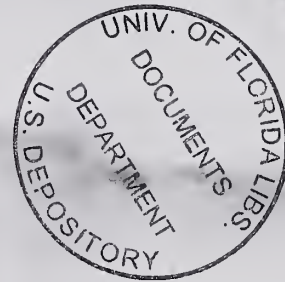


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USASA Airborne

Agency Men Earn

Army-wide Honors



MSG Eugene Marshall, USASA Detachment, Third Army, admires "Supper Dancing Dock" (top), "Leona" (left) and "European Streets."

Agency soldiers recently drew honors in two top-level contests. Two men received awards for entries in the All-Army Art Contest, and a third man was a member of the championship U.S. Army Chess Team.

PFC Joseph Rodriguez of FS Rothwesten won fourth place honors in two categories in the All-Army Art Contest. His "Leona" took honors in the "Drawing" category, and his "Supper Dancing Dock" earned fourth place in the "Print" category. Another USASA soldier, SP5 Terrence K. West, SOUTHCOM, took third place in the "Drawing" category with his "European Streets." All major commands in the Army took part in this fifth annual contest, and more than 200 entries were selected for the finals. A total of 20 prizes were awarded in five categories, and each of the finalists had previously won a geographic command-level contest to be eligible for the Army-wide contest.

The 20 prize winners will be on display in the concourse of the Pentagon from February 3-7.

SP4 Thomas Burgess, Co B, FS Rothwesten, was a member of the Championship Army Chess Team which recently won its third straight Armed Forces Chess Championship. The competition was held in Washington, and gave the Army permanent possession of the Thomas Emery Trophy. SP4 Burgess had some bad luck and arrived late from Germany, but he did win the two matches which he played.

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'Success Formula' Outlined

by ODCSPER

Seven months have passed since implementation of the revised Enlisted Promotion System. The purpose of this article is to provide a brief analysis of the system and to explain the "basic success formula" under this point system. The success formula is applicable to every member of this command who aspires to promotion to the next higher grade.

The system is relatively simple. The individual is awarded a predetermined number of administrative points and up to 200 points by the promotion board. A primary factor which must be considered is that no individual may be promoted unless he has been recommended by the promotion board. Points are meaningless without this promotion board recommendation. Once the promotion board makes its selection, the individual with the greater number of points will be promoted first from among the selectees. It behooves each person, therefore, to accumulate more points than his competitors. When as many as five individuals may be competing for promotion against a single MOS and grade vacancy, even one-tenth of a point can determine who is promoted against this vacancy.

The individual has no control over some areas in which points are awarded. There is nothing he can do regarding points awarded for active federal service and date of rank. He can, however, influence the Enlisted Evaluation Report by his knowledge and performance. The physical fitness requirements are easy to meet. The remaining criteria, which are influenced solely by the individual, can be placed in the broad category of education. This area includes military education, civilian education and job knowledge as reflected in the Promotion Qualification Score. For the past ten years Department of the Army has been stressing education as a means of progressing through the career ladder. Those who had the foresight to see the "handwriting on the wall" and the initiative to do something about it, have been promoted or have a considerable edge on their contemporaries.

It is possible for an individual to obtain a maximum of 100 points through military education. Attendance at an NCO academy is worth 30 points. An MOS-producing course of four weeks duration is worth 30 points. Thirty hours of extension course credit (a real bonanza) equates to 30 promotion points. Is it worth it? You bet it is—if you want to narrow the competition.

Certainly everyone cannot attend an NCO academy, yet in many cases, quotas go unused each month. If duty or other commitments preclude attendance at a non-MOS producing course, which is worth ten promotion points, why not enroll in the extension course program? Whichever route you take, the objective is to improve your military knowledge and accumulate promotion points.

The last criteria for discussion is the Promotion Qualification Score or PQS. Controversial as it may be—like it or not—it is an integral part of the DA promotion system and is here to stay. It is the only management tool avail-

able to compare one individual against another by MOS and skill level. Department of the Army has determined that an individual with a PQS of 110 or higher can be reasonably expected to perform duty satisfactorily in the next higher grade in the MOS in which evaluated. Under the DA scoring system, it is impossible for more than one-third of all personnel tested in an MOS to score above 110. Achieve this goal and you have a definite advantage over two-thirds of the competition in your MOS. With very few exceptions, an MOS is tested in the same month every year. Why wait until 30 days before a test period and try to "bone" for the examination? Your last EPEECO Form 10 indicates those areas in which you are weak or strong. Study those subjects in which you are weak.

Since the PQS is a highly significant factor, every effort should be made to meet this criterion. However, failure to receive the minimum score does not automatically preclude promotion until a qualifying score can be earned when the test is given the following year. A waiver of the PQS may be requested for an individual, but it should be realized that most requests for waivers involve this criterion. Requests will obviously not carry much impact if they merely claim that the cut-off score is unrealistic. Regardless of what cut-off score is established, there will always be someone scoring below and requiring a waiver. The man who requires a waiver is, in essence, seeking special treatment which many of his contemporaries do not need. To obtain special consideration, he must have something "special" going for him. Length of service and date of rank are not sufficient either. After all, if he stays around long enough he will meet these criteria with no effort on his own behalf. The key item that may influence a waiver request for PQS is the effort the individual is making toward self-improvement. Comparison of past evaluation scores tells a great deal in this regard. Lack of progress could indicate the individual may be satisfied with mediocrity, which gives rise to the question "why should he be rewarded by special consideration?"

Some people may not realize that "double" credit is awarded for education. Initial credits are reflected in the total administrative points awarded. The second credit is reflected in the promotion board's evaluation in the categories of "efforts toward self-improvement" and "potential." True, you cannot obtain additional administrative points for one year of college obtained through GED; however, points can be awarded for this achievement by the promotion board. Credit is given where credit is due. If an individual is awarded "bonus" points for efforts toward self-improvement, it follows that he will also be awarded additional points under "potential." A few bonus points can be the difference in whether you or your contemporary is being promoted. In a system which is based totally on points, every point counts!

Frankly, the "zero" under military education is denying early promotion to a sizeable number of enlisted personnel. Don't let this happen to you!



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



SP5 Gene Miller, Det USARAL, stamps Christmas cards and letters from Agency personnel around the world with a North Pole postmark before remailing them. While 1968 was the first year our Alaskan Det used this unusual way to raise money for the Benefit Association, (see November Pass in Review) it won't be the last. This year send in your cards and contributions early—there are only 290 shopping days left until Christmas! (USARAL Photo)



In Ft Huachuca's Christmas decorations competition, SFC James Stedman, Test & Eval Cen, placed first in Enlisted Housing (shown top with his wife and children—from left—James Jr, Tina, Raymond and Anthony).

In the bottom photo, CO, CPT Donald Kunath (left) and XO 2LT Blas Urquidez look over T&EC prize-winning entry in the unit competition, designed by SP5 Douglas Sage and SP5 Alan Akiyama.

Florida—For the second consecutive month, an enlisted member of Seminole Station has been named "Military Man of the Month" at

Homestead AFB by the Homestead-South Dade Chamber of Commerce, topping Air Force and Navy opposition.

In November, bridge and astronomy expert SP4 Roger T. Renfro won the coveted position, followed by SP4 Ronnie D. Wood in December. Each man received \$100 in prizes.



Prevent All Fires. Give Us A Break

Seminole Station won the award for best unit participation during National Fire Prevention Week at Homestead AFB. The above poster by SP5 Richard Webster placed second in Base-wide competition. 1SG Calvin Savage placed second in the static display contest on the theme "Smoking in Bed, You're Dead", with a tombstone at the head of an incinerated bed.

Germany—Mr. Robert W. Morgan, DAC, took top honors in Bad Aibling's 1968 Christmas Decorations Contest with the theme "Good Will to Men." The Best Billet Award went to B Co, commanded by CPT Bernard M. Powell Jr. Honorable mentions went to SFC Doyce C. Golden, SSG Paul Hutchison, SP5 Harold B. Holland and the entire Stairwell A, Bldg. 310.

Herzo personnel designed and constructed puppets and produced a puppet show for a local orphans' home while the NCO Wives' Club donated 12 pair of pajamas to children in the Nurnberg Army Hospital.

Out of 40,000 eligible men, two roommates at Herzo won free Christmas calls home, donated by the American Express Company. The lucky soldiers were SP5 Lawrence Morgan and SP4 David L. Renshaw.



Miss Dinna Amos of Herzo's Special Services models the latest in Holy Roman Empire fashions for the lady of the castle. For more fashion highlights turn to page 14.

Majors Glenn W. Feagin, Russell E. Miller, Benjamin J. Olenick (all Herzo) and James M. Hedrick Jr, 318th Bn, have been enrolled in the Command and General Staff College Non-Resident Reserve Office Course of Instruction. This three-to-five year course is designed for officers stationed in Germany.

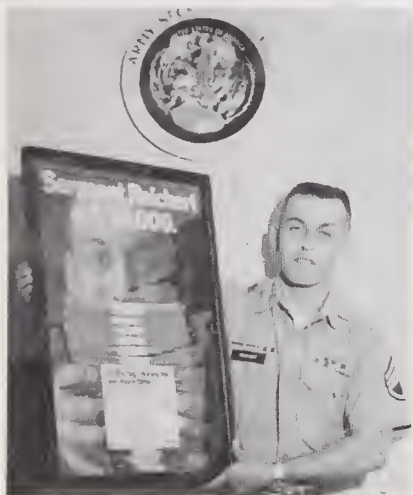
Hawaii—1LT Raymond H. Marks, aide-de-camp to PAC Chief BG George A. Godding, took first place in the 2d annual Association of the US Army golf tourney on December 5, with a low net score of 69.

MAJ Homer L. Wilson, CO of our Fifth Army Det, played Santa five times during the holidays, giving out gifts to nearly 1,000 children of Fifth Army personnel. (Photo by SP5 Divine)



Japan—On December 23, the men of Hakata put on a Christmas party at the nearby Kashi Children's home. The Base fire department repaired toys which Santa gave out. Providing Christmas songs and music were SP4s Jim Hitafter, Jim Maudlin, Leroy Bergin, Mike Goodrich, Richard Petrone and Joe Kiger.

Massachusetts—The USASA Christmas Concert, December 10, featured the TC&S band, the Menehunes and the Tall Men's Chorus in a program of song and laughter. More than \$250 was raised for the Benefit Association. The Menehunes were the highlight of the program with their Hawaiian garb and their Polynesian version of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" . . . nine pounds of poi, and a Mina bird in a Papaya tree. . . .



Texas—"I was completely surprised, utterly flabbergasted! I thought that I was simply another IBM card. Everything just snowballed." These are the words of SSG Robert D. Reichert, an instructor at Goodfellow Det. who is now the most famous—or infamous—NCO in the entire Agency. You see, SSG Reichert is on the reenlistment posters used worldwide by the Army—50,000 in all!

SSG Reichert's first step toward fame was when he reenlisted in June 1967 for the maximum reenlistment bonus of \$10,000 and his picture appeared in *Army Times*. Meanwhile, DA's In-Service Reenlistment Branch was planning to picture a soldier on their reenlistment poster for the first time. MAJ Michael Ginnish of the Reenlistment Branch saw SSG Reichert's picture and chose him for the

poster. The final step came last November when Reichert was flown to New York for a photo session. (He even received a "modeling fee" for his efforts.)

Reichert did not see the finished poster—or even know that it was being used Army-wide—until this past April when a close friend stationed in Germany sent Reichert's parents one of the posters.

Our famous sergeant recently completed special training at the Fourth Army NCO Academy where he was a minor "celebrity." Many of his classmates had seen the poster and thought that it was a "put on" until they met the real SSG Reichert!



Men of HQ Co, 303rd RR Bn, Bien-Hoa Vietnam, put on a big Christmas party for nearly 100 children in the nearby Da-Ming Orphanage.

A Sad Day On Shemya

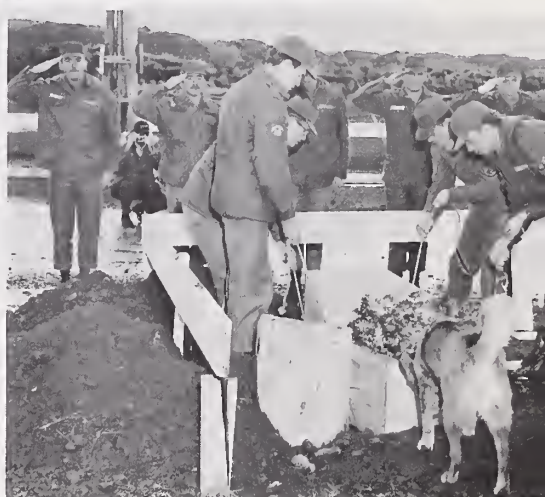
Alaska—At 1200 hours on the last day of 1968, Shemya's Alaskan Husky mascot, Boozer, was put to sleep on the advice of the Base Surgeon, following a long illness.

While Boozer was claimed by both USASAFS Shemya and the Air Force units as their mascot, he belonged to the entire island and the island belonged to Boozer—he was welcome everywhere! He was so popular that "Ft. Shemya" appointed Boozer Command Sergeant Major last fall. Boozer was also a colonel in the Air Force Reserve.

Often touted as the greatest morale booster on Shemya, Boozer, the island's oldest and longest resident, was laid to rest on New Year's Day 1969 in a place of honor next to the Shemya "plug." (It is rumored that if this huge concrete "plug" were removed the island would sink into the sea!)



Boozer lies in state in a specially built casket next to his black-wreathed hydrant.



Gypsy, another of the Island's dogs, looks on as Boozer is lowered into his grave beside the Shemya "plug." Undoubtedly she is bidding farewell to a friend.

Little is known about Boozer's history except that he was brought to the Island in 1956 by the first ASA Commander. (Boozer's 12 canine years are equivalent to 84 human years). Anyone having information concerning Boozer's history is encouraged to submit it so that a factual history can be developed. A bronze plaque commemorating Boozer will be affixed to the wall at the main entrance to the Composite Building where Boozer could be found most of the time in life. Donations for the plaque and information concerning Boozer may be sent to CO, USASAFS Shemya, APO Seattle 98736.

ODCSCOM

□ **Cost Reduction Effort Wins Praise**—The Agency's effort in the FY 1968 Army Cost Reduction Program earned it a Department of the Army Commendation Certificate and an accompanying letter of congratulations signed by GEN William C. Westmoreland, Army Chief of Staff.

In his letter, GEN Westmoreland said USASA's achievement in FY 1968, which resulted in an audit-validated savings of \$1.5 million, is "one of which every member, both military and civilian, can be justifiably proud." The commendation certificate reads:



□ **Agency Man Has Display at Pentagon**—A suggestion idea by SSG James P. Ball of TC&S was depicted in a special display at the annual service-wide Cost Reduction Ceremony held recently at the Pentagon. President Lyndon B. Johnson attended the ceremony.

SSG Ball's display was a pictorial representation of his suggestion that control boxes used for Morse code training at TC&S be manufactured locally in the maintenance shop at Ft. Devens. Formerly, the control boxes had been purchased commercially.

The suggestion saved the Army \$9,786.70 and made SSG Ball \$300 richer. It was submitted in TC&S's Cost Reduction Report and then selected for the Pentagon showing.

SSG Ball; COL Nicholas E. Sloan, Chief of Staff; and COL Dale D. Hogoboom, Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller; were guests at the ceremony.

AG

□ **Numbers Replace Air Medal Clusters**—Now oak leaf clusters to the Air Medal will be represented by a number pinned on the ribbon. A glance at the Hall of Fame section shows that the number of oak leaf clusters awarded (especially to Agency men) can sometimes be considerable.

CDA

□ **PRICE Aiding Cost Estimates**—CDA's Evaluation Division has received another computer software system called PRICE that can compute total USASA systems cost estimates. PRICE stands for Personnel Resources Integrated Cost Estimator.

PRICE has the capability to combine personnel and equipment "cells," that is, components of a unit, into any organizational structure. This will aid in analysis of the cost effectiveness of proposed USASA tactical systems for 1975 and beyond.

The new software system also provides individual and combined cost figures for personnel and equipment for periods of one and five years.

PRICE is another example of CDA's scientific approach to problem solving. Two other CDA uses of modern computer technology for simulating future situations are SCOPE and ACCESS, described in the November 1968 issue of THE HALLMARK.

SJA

□ **State Income Tax Reminder**—Agency men and their spouses should keep in mind their state income tax obligation.

All of a serviceman's income (including his military income and all that of his spouse) is subject to taxation by their state of legal residence. A serviceman's *military* income, however, cannot be taxed by any state other than his state of legal residence according to provisions of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act.

Whether stationed in CONUS or overseas, the serviceman must consult the specific tax provisions of his state of legal residence to determine the exact filing requirements and the amount of tax due, if any.

Additionally, the non-military income (e.g. part-time job earnings) of the serviceman and the income of his spouse are subject to taxation in the state where the income was earned and the state in which they reside, in accordance with the tax laws of the respective states.

Each serviceman has a legal domicile (a legal residence) no matter where he is stationed, whether in CONUS or overseas. This is usually, but not always, his home of record as listed in his military records.

It is important to check the tax laws in the state of legal residence to avoid any possible future tax prosecutions and penalties. Your local taxpayer assistance advisor or Judge Advocate General officer will assist you with any questions.

ODCSFOR

□ **"Lessons Learned" Format Prescribed**—Commanders of USASA units are urged to use the latest report format (USASA Reg 525-2, dated October 2, 1968) in submitting "Lessons Learned" information to Headquarters.

□ **Uniform Change for Vietnam Flights**—To improve in-flight comfort, DA recently authorized wear of the tropical combat uniform during transpacific flights to and from Vietnam. (Wear of this uniform will be optional for E9s, warrant and commissioned officers.)

The new policy goes into effect as soon as the appropriate headquarters issue implementation instructions. Until that time, currently prescribed uniforms will continue to be worn.

DA's ruling in no way constitutes authority for soldiers to wear the tropical combat uniform while traveling within CONUS. Vietnam returnees will turn in their tropical uniform at the appropriate Personnel Processing Center. At that time, each enlisted returnee will be issued a new lightweight Army green uniform, appropriate for wear during CONUS travel.

□ **Keep DA Form 20 Accurate**—ODCSPER reminds Agency personnel that DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) is the single most important document in their enlisted records and should be kept accurate and up-to-date. DA Form 20 data are used for such important management decisions as assignments and promotions.

Enlisted men, commanders, and custodians of personnel records should make certain copies of DA Form 20 and subsequent changes are correctly prepared and promptly forwarded to OPO, DA, ATTN: EPADS.

□ **VRB Procedural Changes Due**—Pending publication of an upcoming change to AR 600-200, DA has announced several procedural changes in administration of lump sum Variable Reenlistment Bonus (VRB) payments. The changes provide that:

- Submission of requests for lump sum payment is authorized 60 days prior to ETS or as soon thereafter as the individual decides to reenlist.

- Immediate commanders will indorse applications to installation-level commanders who will then forward it directly to the appropriate DA section.

- Prior to forwarding the application, installation-level commanders will review and evaluate it for entitlement eligibility and correct administrative format. This review will include coordination with servicing finance and accounting officers to verify entitlement to VRB.

These changes are geared to prevent applications from getting lost or misrouted and thereby speeding the lump sum VRB to the applicant.

□ **Another Reason for Safety Belts**—It seems that "Buckle up for Safety" is more than a sensible slogan that may save your life. Now it is sound financial policy as well.

The British Columbia Supreme Court recently reduced by 25 per cent a civil claim by the widow of a driver killed in an auto accident. Reason: The driver was not wearing his seat belt.

The National Safety Council states that if available seat belts were worn by all passengers all the time, about 10,000 highway deaths could be avoided annually. It is estimated that currently only 40 per cent of available seat belts are worn.

□ **COL Jackson Newest Agency Colonel**—USASA's newest colonel is Robert H. Jackson who was promoted to that grade in December. COL Jackson began his Agency career 19 years ago when assigned to Headquarters. Today he is back at Headquarters serving as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics.

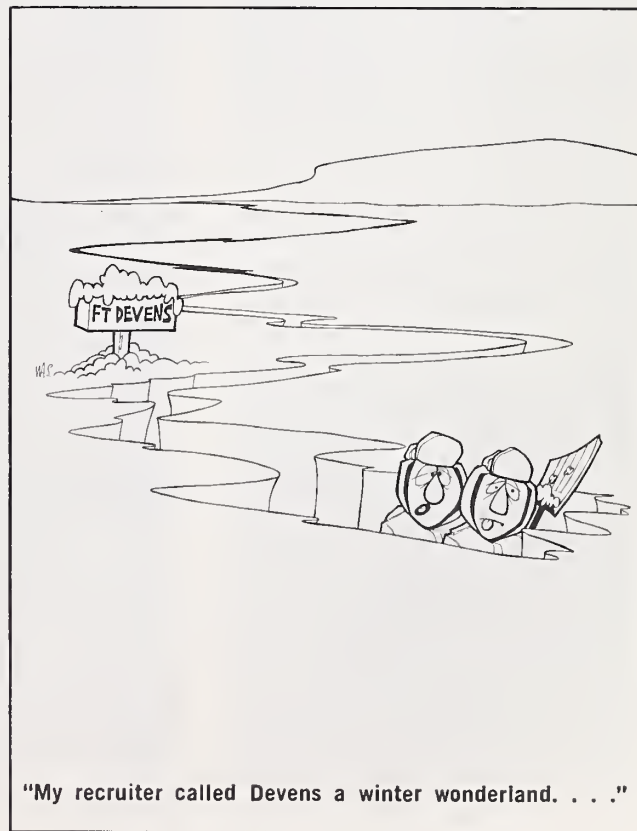
The Tufts University, engineering graduate has served in a variety of capacities throughout the Command. Two of his assignments included commanding officer of the 303d Battalion in Korea in 1954, and the 1st Battalion at Ft. Devens, TC&S, in 1962-63. Prior to coming to Arlington Hall in January 1968, he served as commanding officer of the Ft. Huachuca Test and Evaluation Center.

□ **Turkish Law Strict on Handguns**—Personnel presently or soon to be stationed in Turkey should remember that possession or importation of personally-owned handguns (that is, pistols, revolvers, etc.) and ammunition for these weapons is expressly forbidden by Turkish law.

All personal rifle, hunting, and rifle-type target weapons that are shipped to Turkey must be packed with household goods. They cannot be shipped in unaccompanied baggage or in any other expedited fashion.

The name, model, caliber and serial number of each firearm sent to Turkey must be entered in the individual's permanent change of station orders. No more than 500 rounds of ammunition can accompany each weapon and the ammunition can be only for the weapon shipped.

There is, however, no restriction on the importation of smooth bore weapons.



"My recruiter called Devens a winter wonderland. . . ."

USASA airborne

by
SGT Henry A. Taylor
and SP4 Joseph P. Connelly
301st USASA Bn



Physical conditioning is an important part of Airborne training. The soldiers above condition their legs by running each day.

As you first board the airplane you sense a familiar tangle deep in your belly. No matter how many times you have jumped before, you still experience the excitement of a new adventure. The engines roar and the craft vibrates like the tail of a rattlesnake. With one mighty surge, the big bird reaches for the clouds and in the awesome quietness that suddenly reigns, you know the journey has begun.

You look at your buddy and he looks at you; someone reaches for a cigarette and then passes the pack around. The men talk of sports or girls or town or home or . . . well, let's just say they think about almost everything but the jump. In five minutes or so, things start to get quiet. Everyone grins a silly, half-scared, smile. Inside, you think of mom and dad, your home, your friends and maybe a little about the God that you pray will protect you as you leave the door. The Jump Master barks a 20-minute warning and a deep groan rises from the pit of your stomach. "Ten minutes," the Jump Master casually reminds you. You close your eyes for what seems no more than a second, and you hear the six-minute warning yelled at you. The lights inside the belly of the C-130 vanish, and slowly,

one at a time, the red blackout lights flash on and their eerie glow is very much appreciated. "One minute." Now is the time when you really earn your jump pay. The Jump Master calls, "ready . . . stand up."

You stand. You know there is no turning back now. Whether with anxiety or with dread, you realize you are going out of that little, oblong hole in the side of the airplane. Quickly, but not too quickly, you check your helmet, emergency chute and finally

your field pack; everything is ready to go. You check the main chute for the man in front of you. Yep, everything looks all right there too. You feel the airplane slow. The problem now is to keep your balance with 10 or 15 people pushing against you while the plane seems to be trying to roll over and hurl its cargo of jumpers to the earth. Quickly the door opens and 1200 feet down you can see the ground turning beneath you. It won't be long now! Finally, after what seems like hours, a



Jump school candidates must attend a two-week Pre-back training cycle before entering jump school. Landing practice, above, is part of the Pre-back training.

green light flashes. The Jump Master quickly yells "go!" and the plane goes wild with noise and excitement. At an ever-quicken pace you take a step, and then another . . . you're next, you're at the door; jump . . . free of the airplane. You look down, then you look up and you feel yourself touch the face of God.

Count: 1,000, 2,000, you feel the chute open; 3,000, 4,000, look up and there is a full canvas above you. Then you drift down, back to earth. The knots in your stomach have at last unwound and you feel the exhilarating joy of solitude, peacefulness, and nearness to the Almighty.

The joy ends quickly, along with the jump, and anticipation of the next one begins immediately. The jump is over, but there will be more . . . you are Airborne!

Although jump status is not a prerequisite to assignment with the 301st USASA Battalion, the unit's mission makes Airborne qualification a highly desirable asset. The Battalion has the task of providing direct tactical support to Airborne units, chiefly the 82d Division and the XVIII Corps, based at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Being closely associated with Airborne units and personnel, many of the men in the 301st anxiously volunteer for the jump training program. As the only Airborne USASA unit in the United States, the operations of the 301st are unique. With "Through the Night" vigilance,



Frequent inspections and field problems insure that the men of the 301st Battalion will always be ready to move out on a moment's notice.

the unit must always be prepared to move out on a moment's notice.

The 301st Bn was activated in October 1950, and has proven itself a vital aid to Airborne activities. The Battalion received the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation in February 1967. Since the unit or any part of the unit may be called upon for assistance at any moment, unit readiness is the order of the day. The men sport their "Bat Crest" insignia proudly; it is a symbol of vigilance. To aid the unit's tactical preparedness, training is conducted frequently and is always of a high caliber. The 301st takes great pride in being one of a kind, but it is by no means all work

and no play. Typical of Agency men everywhere, the men enjoy their share of parties and social activities. The Battalion frequently has picnics or just plain gatherings to relieve tensions and promote good fellowship. The 301st is located near the boundary line between Ft. Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, and its administrative, medical, housing, transportation and finance is provided by the XVIII Airborne Corps, the host unit at the post. Ft. Bragg, one of the largest United States Army posts in the world, is located in the south central part of North Carolina, near the city of Fayetteville. With the fine program of recreational, social and religious activities provided by Ft. Bragg, Pope Air Force Base and the civilian community, off-duty time comes alive with a world of possibilities.

Bravery, vigilance, preparedness—the hallmarks of a very special soldier—USASA Airborne.



2LT Roger A. Fry is shown receiving his bars in a direct commission ceremony at the 301st. LTC Kenneth F. Coykendall makes the presentation.



Rothwesten Soldier Finds Good Use For Spare Time

From the
Rothwesten Talon



SP6 Schlecht shows off his 100 mph pylon racer, along with his models of a German PT boat and Porsche sports car. The plane is powered by a 1.2 horsepower German engine, and weighs 4½ pounds. The wing is made primarily of styrofoam, and a likeness of the comic-strip character "Zero" occupies the cockpit.

Nearly everyone in the service continually runs into the problem of what to do during off-duty time—at least when there is no important inspection planned for the near future.

Well, one of the soldiers in Company A at FS Rothwesten has come up with a dandy solution. SP6 Jack L. Schlecht has been using his spare time for 14 years by building scale models of cars, boats and airplanes. Schlecht

houses his collection and works on new models in a room on the third floor of the Company A billet at Rothwesten. His personal tools are extensive and impressive. They include a lathe, a drill press, milling machines, grinders, hand tools and a drying box in which models are locked to dry after painting.

Some of SP6 Schlecht's more recent accomplishments include: a model of

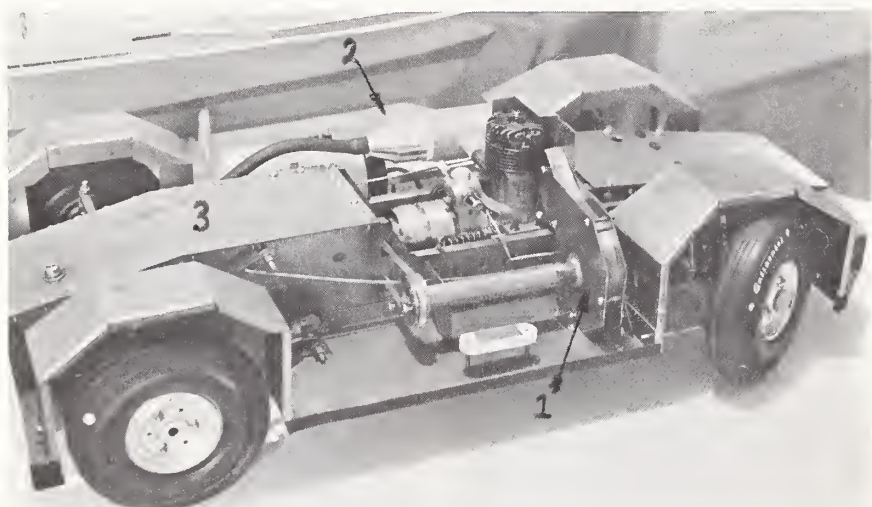
a Porsche racing car that has an actual top speed of more than 60 miles per hour; a model racing plane that has been clocked at over 100 miles per hour; and a model of a German PT boat.

His most unusual and complicated model is a scaled down version of a UH-1B "Huey" helicopter that actually flies. Schlecht's model helicopter is the only radio-controlled chopper that has ever successfully completed the American Modelers Association test flight pattern. He holds a German patent on the rotor assembly, and hopes to sell the idea of having the model produced commercially.

All of SP6 Schlecht's models are fully radio-controlled, and all of them are built by hand from the ground up. The only parts he buys are the engines and the radio transmitters and receivers.

The time consumed by this unusual hobby is considerable. Schlecht spent more than 3,000 hours building the Porsche racing car alone, and it cost more than \$275.

Schlecht has competed in eight European modeling contests since he arrived in Germany, and he is also a correspondent for an American modeling publication.



Removing the body from SP6 Schlecht's 1/8 scale model of a Porsche reveals the construction of the chassis. Number 1 is the transmission and differential housing. Number 2 is the exhaust system. Number 3 is the suspension system and steering mechanism. The car was built by hand, with the exception of the engine and radio parts, and has two forward speeds and one reverse.



HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

Silver Star

STAFF SERGEANT: Danny H. Hall.
SERGEANT: James M. Alward.
SPECIALIST 5: Donald C. Childs.

Legion of Merit

COLONEL: Seth F. Hudgins (2), posthumously.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Bryan Gruver Jr.

Bronze Star Medal

MAJOR: William D. Fritts, Don E. Gordon, Harry E. Graham, Robert F. Kemp.
CAPTAIN: Charles H. Bergman, Jeffry O. Brown, Neal E. Norman, Matthew M. Parrilli, James T. Webb.
MASTER SERGEANT: Clovis T. Ice, Kenneth Pickett, Tommy J. Wickham.
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Dennis R. Lamm, Damian P. Wilson, James M. Woods.
STAFF SERGEANT: Danny H. Hall, Robert Korner, Paul J. Larson, Victor Noguez-Rivera, Raymond E. Palmer, Kenneth E. Rose, James V. Stephenson, Henry A. Torrey.
SPECIALIST 6: Albert A. Enskat.
SERGEANT: James M. Alward, Thomas G. Tomczak, posthumously.
SPECIALIST 5: Donald C. Childs, David L. Leigh, Lawrence Palmer, James M. Rediger.

Joint Service Commendation Medal

MAJOR: Glenn W. Feagin.

Air Medal

MAJOR: Don E. Gordon.
CAPTAIN: Matthew Parrilli.
LIEUTENANT: Raymond J. Kelly III.
MASTER SERGEANT: Tommy J. Wickham.
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Roy E. Stevenson.

STAFF SERGEANT: James H. Campbell, Michael E. Hubbard, Clifford W. Johnson, Andrew McGregor, James V. Stephenson.

Purple Heart

SERGEANT: James M. Alward, Thomas G. Tomczak, posthumously.
SPECIALIST 5: Donald C. Childs, William L. Kelley, James M. Rediger.

Army Commendation Medal

COLONEL: Richard A. Godin.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Mark L. Diggory.
MAJOR: Don E. Gordon, Edward H. Jewel, Marcus E. Michael, Marvin E. Miller (2).
CAPTAIN: John J. Carroll, Emory G. Cowan Jr., Kenneth R. Doehrman, Milton H. Farr (1), Richard V. Fulp, Michael J. Gannon, Ronald C. Hale, Robert L. Halverson, Charles P. Lamb, Tom B. Moore.
LIEUTENANT: Harold W. Chambliss, James W. Hunter.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Leonard J. Guteschmidt, James C. Williams.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Robert V. Denahy (2), Darrell F. Devine (1), Carl Garvin, John R. Grosskopf, Ronald J. Knoll.
WARRANT OFFICER 1: Charles R. Aikens.
SERGEANT MAJOR: Joseph C. Belleau (2).
MASTER SERGEANT: Ballard S. Bishop (1), Stephen L. Dorgan, Donald B. Kypta, John W. Paulson (1), Merlin W. Rau, Thomas A. Stevens.
FIRST SERGEANT: Jesse F. Butler (2).
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Royce A. Anderson, Dale A. Carter, George R. Champoux, Jose A. Delgado (2), Thomas F. Finnell, Roy F. Heyl, Carl H. Moyer, James E. Parsons, Hershal R. Waldrige (1), William J. Yaw.
STAFF SERGEANT: Joseph D. Byrne, James B. Carter, Harry H. Dean, Joseph O. Edwards, John P. Gaugh III, Danny L. Goldman, Danny H. Hall, Carlton

W. Hamer, Albert L. Kemmesies, Michael Ladyszewski, John W. Link, Truett L. Lucas, William V. Olds, Gerald J. Rolape, George R. Shafer, James V. Stephenson (2), Raymond J. Touchton.
SPECIALIST 6: Wesley A. Brockway, Walter H. Foster, Patricia J. Stevens.
SERGEANT: James L. Alward, Dennis L. Foreman, Billy F. Fuller, Vincent D. Keeney, Jose L. Muniz, Timothy M. O'Rourke, Douglas C. Seal.
SPECIALIST 5: John D. Arnold, Andrew A. Bean, Donald R. Borrell, Wallace T. Javalle, Wendell H. Johnson, Willard Jones, Bruce I. Neyland, Buddy L. Quimby, Harold H. Schofield, Albert W. Sites, Adrian P. Sonnier, Jack E. Stockwell, Phillip D. Ward, Hubert B. Willis, Marvin J. Wilson.
SPECIALIST 4: Charles E. Easton.

Air Force Commendation Medal

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS: Charles W. Hays.

Retirement

COLONEL: Jack P. Napier.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Edwin C. Kelton, Robert J. Munch.
MAJOR: Robert E. McConaghay.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: James C. Williams.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Roy G. Wheeler.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: John F. Carey Jr., Robert V. Denahy, Justus D. Griffin, David F. Leseman.
SERGEANT MAJOR: Martin Blasko, Kadettie J. Manion.
MASTER SERGEANT: Edward Anacher, Lewis C. Finch, J. D. Francis Jr., William G. Hackett, Russel D. Riggins, William Rourke, Donald P. Stafford, Orville S. Yager.
FIRST SERGEANT: J. R. Fehrenbach, Harold Morris, James Vanderpool.
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: George B. Bowe, Mailon Bray, Edmund B. Brown, Rudolph Cota, Roy Heyl, Richard Miller, Donald Orris, Elliot G. Rogers, William L. Russell, Roy South, Curtis H. Strong, James M. Terry.
SPECIALIST 7: M. B. Bochniewicz.
STAFF SERGEANT: John Nick.



R AND R REPORT

USASA sports, recreation and entertainment

ZOT AWARDS

NCOs at Hakata had better not say, "I want a shot of . . ." at the NCO Stag Bar—it is now the temporary location of the Hakata Dispensary!

Some business at Hakata must be "all wet." Except for the Special Services beach, all beaches and lakes in the Hakata area are OFF LIMITS for wading and swimming *except in the conduct of official business!*

The Pavlov Royal Order of Merit has been awarded to "Red Dog," the mascot for the 138th Avn Co (RR). He mistook the battalion sergeant major's hand for a handout! (What do you expect from an obedience school dropout?)

. . . More "Zot" awards from Herzo . . . SFC Rick Harrison with nearly two months time in grade showed up for work with SSG stripes on his greens. . . 1LT Jeffrey Wells showed up at his outdoor promotion ceremony without a hat. . . during POV inspections at the station motor pool *Herzo Monitor* editor SP5 Burt Rast drove right into the pit! . . . on Friday the 13th, 1LT William Seale accidentally dropped his outgoing mail into the suggestion box.

SGT Roger Anderson, HHC Training NCO at Herzo looked "strac" in his class A uniform. He was the model soldier—starched shirt, pressed uniform, highly polished shoes and . . . and dark red socks? "That'll happen," said Anderson, whose face nearly matched his hosiery, "when you dress in the dark."

At Bad Aibling, SP4 Marshall Kwait was concentrating on his first golf game when he was interrupted by a strange bellowing noise. He turned to see a very large, very angry bull charging at full tilt down the fairway. Maybe the bull *was* out of bounds, but Kwait didn't give it much thought then. He simply set a new world record for the 100-yard dash and tree-climbing. It was 15 minutes before he could come down.



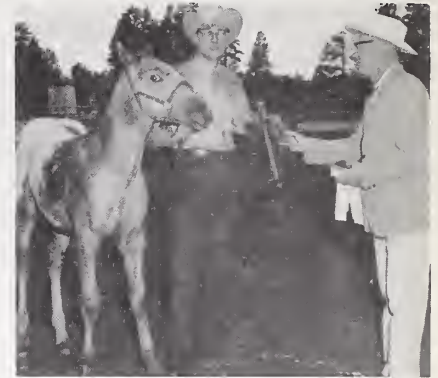
Hard-driving Herzo "super-guard" SP5 Bob Lohse drives around an opponent enroute to two of the 50 points he scored for the Flyers in their first big win. (Photo by SP5 Robert Nock)

BASKETBALL

Japan—Comm Unit Japan won the Camp Drake Pre-season Championship with a perfect record. The team has an excellent regular season record and is expected to end up No. 1.

Germany—Herzo guard Bob Lohse was selected to play on the U.S. Forces team in the SHAPE International Tournament in Belgium. In the first game Lohse contributed 22 points to a 101-87 win, before coming down with the Hong Kong flu. The U.S. Forces team won for the fifth time out of the last eight tourneys.

At TC&S, PFC Jeffrey Willius is the only Agency man on the only ice hockey team in the U.S. Army—the Ft. Devens Hornets which have an 8-3 record. (Photo by PFC Paul H. Ankey)



Flying Falcon I, owned by SP5 Clarence Barbee (left), Test & Eval Cen, placed second in the 1968 Arizona Colt Halter competition, Appaloosa Division, based on appearances in 12 shows throughout the state.

GOLF

Ethiopia—Top-notch Kagnev golfer SP4 Gary Schweiger set a new course record on the Prince Makonnen course with an eight-under-par 62.

SKIING

Germany—Out of 60 applicants, SP4 Dennis Curran was the only USASA man selected for the elite 37-man Armed Forces Recreation Center Ski Patrol. Curran was assigned to Garmisch, at the foot of Germany's highest mountain.

In Asmara, the Kagnev fire Station is the scene of country square dances by the Plateau Promenaders. (Photo by Francis Songetay)



MARKSMANSHIP

Maryland—The rifle team at Spt Gp Ft. Meade took first place in the latest post-wide competition with an aggregate score of 1,587 out of a possible 2,000 points. Team members were SSG Kenneth L. Bateman, SSG Samuel H. Abatayo, SP5 Martin K. Potts and SP4 Maurice G. Maynard.

Abatayo was the individual first place winner with 427 out of 500 points possible, and the match winner in the 200-yard standing event. In pistol competition, SP5 Leo A. Brosche III won the .45 caliber match and took first place in .22 caliber competition.

Japan—The Hakata pistol team took top honors in an international pistol tournament in November. SP5 Robert L. Coelln placed first with 123 out of 140, followed by SP4 Gerald N. Dorst (119) and CPT John D. Ott (99).

SOCCER

Maryland—SP5 Richard A. Ballentine, Spt Gp, Ft. Meade, was the sole Agency member of the Ft. Meade team which placed third in the fall First Army Soccer Championship.

Donald Allen, son of MSG Donald Allen, races the clock in the golf ball skill course during the Fall Pre-Teen Bike Rodeo at Vint Hill Farms. Other events included a tennis ball race and a 100-yd. race. Winner of the first prize, an English racing bike, was Lyle Gibson, son of 1SG Charles C. Gibson. Second was Marty Easley, son of 1SG Price H. Easley.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Guess what 1LT Michael V. Povendo, Comm Unit Japan, is saying? The "magic words" are "I've been promoted?!*#". With 1LT Provendo is his daughter Stephanie, wife Kay and Ops OIC CPT Randolph E. Lee. (Photo by SP4 M. J. Farnam)

Submit your best and most unusual photos for consideration as the Photo of the Month, today!

AUDIO CLUB

Germany—In November the Herzo Base Audio Club held one of the largest audio shows ever held in Europe for servicemen. The highlight of the show was the introduction of their 1969 lines by the 20 firms participating. Stereo components—20 in all—were given as door prizes. The Audio Club was founded last June by MAJ Paradiso and CW4 Lindsey.

BOWLING

Germany—The NCOs of Bad Aibling topped the Officers in the First Annual NCO-Officer Bowling Tournament held at the station during December. The NCOs sported a total pin count of 5,151 against 4,794 for the officers. High bowler for the officers was CPT Curtis W. Barbee Jr. who had a 564 series. Top NCO was SFC Tyler Langrall with a 521 series.

Maryland—At Spt Gp, HHC took first place in the Ft. Meade Bowling Tournament, December 17, with a total team score of 2877. The team includes CW3 Clifford Boyer, Captain; CW2 Lawrence Olsen; CW2 Donald Jones; SSG Heinz A. Mittag and SSG George Lhotka.

POOL

Japan—CW3 Arthur L. Moore, Comm Unit Japan, won the unit pool tournament with second place going to SP4 James A. Wood. Both defeated six other players prior to playing the 4 out of 7 championship match.

SP4 William J. Hargan, HQ Co, spikes the ball against Ops Co in the annual Vint Hill Farms volleyball tournament. Ops won this game . . . but MSC won the tourney. (Photo by SP4 M. R. Davis)



Herzo Personnel Enjoy- Christmas In A Castle

by SP5 Burt H. Rast

Editor, Herzo Monitor

Photos by SP5 Robert R. Nock

For nearly everyone in the USASA, last December 25 was Christmas 1968; but for the 150 personnel at FS Herzo who attended a medieval Christmas feast in a castle it wasn't 1968, it was 1268. As a matter of fact, any resemblance to the 20th Century was purely unintentional.

The feast took place on December 21 and was held at the castle-home of the Squire and Lady of Colmburg, Germany. Consider this sampling of the evening's events:

- Sir George didn't slay the dragon, but instead traded him 30,000 gold coins for the fair maiden;
- A group of wandering mummers begged for the Squire's permission to perform for his guests in return for alms;
- Jesters leaped and rolled about, and everyone in attendance giggled;
- Wassail was served from a medieval punchbowl;
- A surgeon and a friar administered both first aid and blessings to a combatant wounded in a sword fight.

It was, indeed, 1268, and the scene of this rather unusual manner of spending Christmas was Colmburg Castle, near Ansbach where the yuletide was celebrated the way it would have been during the middle ages of classical antiquity in Germany.

All of the officers, enlisted men, wives and dates looked their parts. Medieval costumes were procured to lend an air of authenticity to the festivities, which clearly centered on the middle ages theme. Colorful pages, nobles, their ladies and the royal court were all attired in 13th Century clothing. And there were sword-fighting knights, choir members, friars and dozens of guests wearing the outfits of the period.

In the gothic setting of Colmburg Castle, the time machine type transition to "Christmas Past" was complete. The Lady and Squire greeted their guests in the Arms Room of the ancient structure. Suits of armor with chain mail, lances, axes and swords lined the walls of the chamber in which the members of the party doffed their overcoats in preparation for the feast and fun ahead.

A roast pig and roast beef banquet was first on the agenda, followed by a tour of the 12th Century dwelling. The tour was climaxed by the appearance of a band of minstrels who carried on the tradition of Christmas carol-

A duel for the fair maiden's hand ends with the demise of a brave nobleman, despite the incantation of the castle surgeon.



The arched entrance to Colmburg castle is the gateway to the 13th century through which the Herzo celebraters passed.

ing. They sang music of the period, including; "Holly and the Ivy," "Coventry Carol" and the "Golden Carol of the Three Kings."

After the caroling session, guests and royalty danced to the rhythms of "After Six," a local Herzo Base combo, and sipped wassail from a giant punchbowl on the third floor. Later on, a Mummer's play was presented. It was an original play by SP4 Ron Schmidt and dealt with the process of ridding the kingdom of murderers, bandits and people who don't take baths. There was even an appearance by the local dragon, who kidnapped the fair maiden, only to return her later for a "better deal."

The idea for the Middle Ages Party hatched last August when Miss Liz Neblett, recreation director of the Herzo Base Service Club, decided it would be an unprecedented way to celebrate the Christmas season. And it had never been attempted by anyone in U.S. Army Europe.

Miss Neblett didn't want to use post facilities for fear of losing the total image of the party, but she was unsuccessful in obtaining one of three different castles she tried. When she learned that Colmburg Castle was not only available, but completely furnished, she decided to have the party there. Colmburg Castle had the extra advantage of being outfitted with accessories like 12th Century lamps, richly carved 16th Century chests and a Bible translated by Martin Luther.

After obtaining the castle, the rest of the preparations were relatively easy. No effort was spared in making the arrangements as authentic as possible, and all agreed that the party was a tremendous success as they boarded the buses which carried them back to Herzo base and the 20th Century.

Herzo's thoroughly modern jazz combo, "After Six," provides the music for the various nobility in attendance.



—Newsfilm Contest—

The Department of Defense, in association with the National Press Photographers Association and the University of Oklahoma, will inaugurate the First Annual Military Newsfilm Motion Picture Photography Competition during 1969.

The competition is intended to recognize and encourage outstanding military service motion picture cameramen, and, by so doing, improve the professional quality of motion picture photography within the Defense Department.

The competition is open to all active duty uniformed members of the services who are assigned as motion picture photographers. Contest rules should be available soon at local military information offices. (ANF)

—Military Collection—

The U.S. Army Military History Research Collection at the Army War College needs material.

The Military History Research Collection, the only organization of its kind in the United States, gathers both historical items and contemporary source material dealing with the profession of arms.

Officers and enlisted men who have devoted their lives to the service often have libraries, collections, papers, diaries, records, and photographs that would be of great value to historical researchers. Original source materials such as personal papers and diaries would be particularly valuable to future scholars.

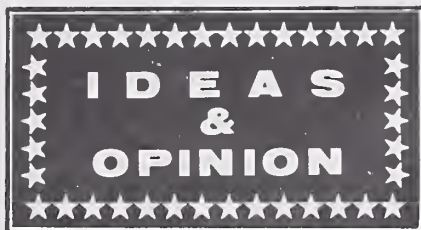
Anyone interested in donating historical material may write to: Director, Military History Research Collection, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Penn. 17013. ■

—Malaria Pills —

The malaria tablets given individuals leaving Southeast Asia and Korea can be dangerous and even fatal in the hands of children. In the past few months there have been several accidental poisoning cases involving children, who have an extra sensitivity to the chloroquine-primaquine and dapsone based tablets.

The chloroquine-primaquine tablets are issued in an eight-week supply to everyone leaving Southeast Asia or Korea while the dapsone tablets are given in a 30-day supply to those departing Vietnam.

To avert any possible tragedy with these anti-malaria tablets it's a good idea to store them in durable plastic or glass containers well out of the reach of children. In addition, if the information is not already there, mark in prominent, legible letters on the label the contents of the bottle and the words "DANGEROUS TO CHILDREN." ■



—Freedom Shares—

U.S. Savings Notes or Freedom Shares can now be cashed in the same way as U.S. Savings Bonds.

Before leaving office, former President Lyndon Johnson signed legislation that enables banks and other paying agents for savings bonds to redeem Freedom Shares. Previously, Freedom Shares could only be redeemed by the Treasurer of the United States or by Federal Reserve banks and their branches.

Instructions covering the payment of savings bonds will also apply to payment of Freedom Shares except that Freedom Shares are not eligible for payment until one year from their date of issue. (ANF)

As I See It

By Clifford L. Charron
Command
Sergeant Major

So many people in our command contribute to its success that as each day passes a new name, action or activity is brought to light. During my last trip to Southeast Asia, I visited the 374th RR Co and noticed that many of the soldiers had or were reading paperback books. After discussions with the CO of the unit, CPT David

H. Rowe, I learned that a young lady, Miss Ann Miller, who is employed at Arlington Hall Station, had initiated a program whereby the ladies of her church had adopted a RR unit. Each month these ladies collect paperback books, and with donated funds mail them to RR units in Southeast Asia.

A small contribution? On the contrary, this is a large contribution of affection and remembrance to soldiers many thousands of miles away. They are not forgotten, and each month the package arrives with an unwritten, though ever-present, phrase: "We remember who you are and where you are."

This lady doesn't have a husband or son overseas, but as much as any one of us that wear the uniform she is a member of this Command. Like other personnel, wives and civilians who work with the Red Cross at Ft. Devens, on Okinawa, in the Philippines and Hawaii, they are also part of the Command. They assist in caring for our sick and wounded in Army hospitals, and they contribute their time, money and active support to the men in the field. All this assistance, work and dedication is in addition to their regular job.

Is it any wonder that although ours is the youngest major command in the Army it is also the finest? It is a command with a proud past whose soldiers serve in all parts of the world and a command that cares for all its personnel wherever they may be stationed. A fine command? Yes, because it is staffed with the finest people! ■



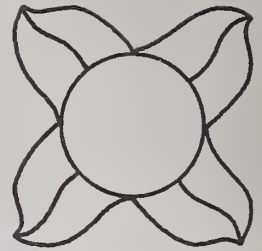
Miss Ann Miller



The dagger reflects the aggressive and protective requirements of the Military Intelligence branch and the elements of physical danger inherent in its mission.

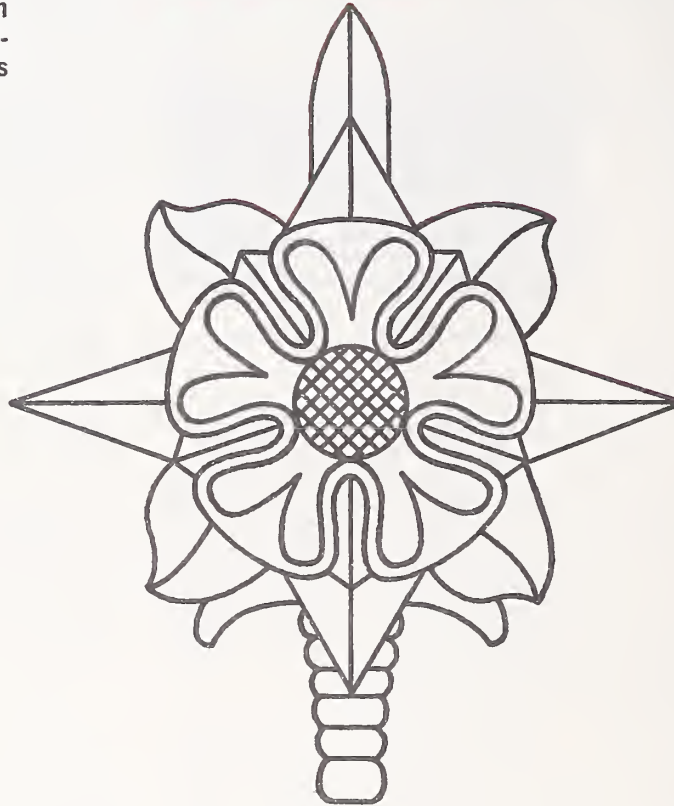


The Military Intelligence Branch Insignia



The sun, composed of four straight and four wavy rays, is the symbol of Helios—the Greek God of the Sun who saw and heard everything.

FLARE



The rose, an ancient symbol of secrecy, refers to those operations of the branch which forbid disclosure. The dark blue in the center indicates vigilance and loyalty.

The gold signifies successful accomplishment of the branch's mission

The four straight rays also symbolize the four points of the compass indicating the world-wide mission of the Military Intelligence branch.

